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Applicant BAILEY, David et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:  
17 January 2001 (17.01.01)

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☐ was not

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**PATENT COOPERATION TREATY**  
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 28385wo	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416).
International application No. <b>PCT/AU 00/00669</b>	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 16 June 2000	Priority Date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 18 June 1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC  <b>Int. Cl.<sup>7</sup> C25C 7/08, 7/02, 1/12</b>		
Applicant 1. 1) COPPER REFINERIES PTY LTD et al 2. 2) BAILEY, David		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of **5** sheets, including this cover sheet.  
  
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).  
  
 These annexes consist of a total of      sheet(s).

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| I    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Basis of the report   |
| II   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Priority  |
| III  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability  |
| IV   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lack of unity of invention  |
| V    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| VI   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Certain documents cited   |
| VII  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certain defects in the international application  |
| VIII | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Certain observations on the international application   |

Date of submission of the demand 17 January 2001	Date of completion of the report 14 February 2001
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**I. Basis of the report**

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description,      pages , as originally filed,  
   pages , filed with the demand,  
   pages , received on      with the letter of      .
- ☐ the claims,      pages , as originally filed,  
   pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,  
   pages , filed with the demand,  
   pages , received on      with the letter of      .
- ☐ the drawings,      pages , as originally filed,  
   pages , filed with the demand,  
   pages , received on      with the letter of      .
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
   pages , as originally filed  
   pages , filed with the demand  
   pages , received on      with the letter of      .

## 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language      which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description,      pages
- ☐ the claims,      Nos.
- ☐ the drawings,      sheets/fig

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

**IV. Lack of unity of invention**

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- ☐ restricted the claims.
- ☐ paid additional fees.
- ☐ paid additional fees under protest.
- ☐ neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

2. ☐ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is

- ☒ complied with.
- ☐ not complied with for the following reasons:

4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:

- ☒ all parts.
- ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos.

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-16	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-16	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-16	YES
	Claims	NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)****NOVELTY (N)**

Claims 1-16

AU 78858/87 A (OUTO KUMPU OY) 14 April 1988

GB 2196989 A (MIM TECHNOLOGY MARKETING LTD) 11 May 1988

None of the citations discloses all of the features of the above claims.

**INVENTIVE STEP (IS)**

Claims 1-16: as above

**VII. Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claims 15, 16 rely on references to the description and/or drawings. (Rule 6.2(a)).

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## REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference  
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) 28385WOP00

<b>B x No. I</b>		<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> CATHODE PLATE	
<b>Box No. II</b>		<b>APPLICANT</b>	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)		<input type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor.	
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<b>B x No. III</b>		<b>FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)</b>	
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BAILEY, David 31 Jonquil Crescent Annandale, Qld 4814, Australia		<input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only (if this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)	
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Box No V

## DESIGNATION OF STATES

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) (mark the applicable check-boxes; at least one must be marked):

## Regional Patent

- ☒ **AP ARIPO Patent:** GH Ghana, GM Gambia, KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, SD Sudan, SL Sierra Leone, SZ Swaziland, TZ United Republic of Tanzania UG Uganda, ZW Zimbabwe and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT.
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## National Patent (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line):

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**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office)
item (1) 18 June 1999 (18.06.99)	PQ 1066	AU		
item (2)				
item (3)				

- ☒ The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office) identified above as (1)

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**B x No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

**Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)**  
(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA /

**Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):**

Date (date/month/year)

Number

Country (or regional Office)

6 September 1999

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**B x No. VIII CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING**

This international application contains the following number of sheets:

request : 4  
Description (excluding sequence listing part) : 10  
claims : 2  
abstract : 1  
drawings : 6  
Sequence listing part of description :  
**Total number of sheets : 23**

This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. ☒ fee calculation sheet
2. ☐ separate signed power of attorney
3. ☐ copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
4. ☐ statement explaining lack of signature
5. ☐ priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):
6. ☐ translation of international application into (language):
7. ☐ separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material
8. ☐ nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form
9. ☐ other (other specify):

**Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:** 4

**Language of filing of the international application:** English

**Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT**

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4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):	
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